

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation National Register of Historic Places Point dataset

General description

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) oversees more than 214 state parks and historic sites, encompassing nearly 335,000 acres that are visited by 60 million people annually. These facilities contribute to the economic vitality and quality of life of local communities and directly support New York's tourism industry. Parks also provide a place for families and children to be active and exercise, promoting healthy lifestyles. The agency is responsible for the operation and stewardship of the state park system as well as advancing a statewide parks, historic preservation, and open space mission.

The New York State Historic Preservation Office maintains the list of properties listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Federal Regulation 36 CFR 60) the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. To be considered eligible, a building, district, structure or object must meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. This involves examining the property's age, integrity, and significance. The NYS Register of Historic Places was created as part of the State Historic Preservation Act of 1980, which essentially parallels the federal act and uses the same criteria for Register listing.

Criteria examined include: Is the property old enough to be considered historic (generally at least 50 years old) and does it still look much the way it did in the past? Is the property associated with events, activities, or developments that were important in the past? With the lives of people who were important in the past? With significant architectural history, landscape history, or engineering achievements? Does it have the potential to yield information through archeological investigation about our past? Registered properties and properties determined eligible for the Registers receive a measure of protection from the effects of federal and/or state agency sponsored, licensed or assisted projects through a notice, review, and consultation process. Absent the need for state or federal funding or permitting, there are no restrictions placed on private owners of registered properties. Private property owners may sell, alter or dispose of their property as they wish.

Owners of depreciable, certified historic properties may take a 20 percent federal income tax credit for the costs of substantial rehabilitation as provided for under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. An additional 20% state income credit (maximum credit of \$5 million) is available for properties that qualify for the federal credit and are located within a designated low income

census tract. Homeowners of historic properties within those designated areas may be eligible to receive a 20% state tax credit for approved work on their residence (maximum credit of \$50,000). Municipal and not-for-profit owners of listed historic properties may apply for matching state historic preservation grants.

Data Collection Methodology

Each point was created from the centroid of the national register of historic places boundary polygons.

Limitations of data

Dataset is frequently updated.

Additional Information—Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS)

In January, 2015, the State Historic Preservation Office launched the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS), a new interactive, web-based system that will offer the public and government partners convenient and extensive access to the agency's database of historic records and streamline the agency's delivery of historic preservation programs.

The system is available at <https://cris.parks.ny.gov/>.

(CRIS), a direct pathway for the public to access more than 1.5 million pages of documents that have been collected by State Parks' Division for Historic Preservation since 1966. These now scanned documents include more than 6,000 nominations for historic resources listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, an extensive collection of building and archeological inventory forms, historic survey reports and a wide variety of other data from the Division's collection.

The new system will serve as an interactive portal for agencies, municipalities and others who utilize historic preservation programs, which include the State and National Registers, the commercial and homeowner tax credit programs for historic properties, project review under state and federal historic preservation laws, and the building and archeological survey programs. The new system additionally provides the opportunity for the public, municipalities, and agencies to help expand knowledge of the state's cultural resources.